In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) In a networked system that includes a client and a server, a method for dynamically obtaining at least a portion of an application from the server over a network, the method comprising:

determining, at a local client device, that at least a portion of an application is needed at the local client device, wherein the portion is located at a remote server device; ~~and~~

using a file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device, wherein the portion is obtained so as to be transparent to ~~the~~ a user and as needed by the local client device;

monitoring, at the remote server device, a location of the remote server device for changes to applications, removals of applications, and additions of new applications; and

notifying the client device, in real time, of any changes, removals, and additions detected during monitoring.

2. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the local client device is a television.

3. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the local client device is an Aquos TV.

4. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device comprises using an internet file system protocol.

5. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device comprises using a network file system (NFS) protocol.

6. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device comprises using a common internet file system (CIFS) protocol.

7. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device is initiated at the local client device.

8. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain at least another portion of the application from another remote server device.

9. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain at least a portion of another application from another remote server device.

10. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ determining that at least a portion of an application is needed at the local client device further comprises ~~a step for~~ sending an event from the remote server device to the local client device to indicate an availability of the application.

11. (original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the application is a new application.

12. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device is initiated at the local client device after receiving ~~the~~ an event from the remote server device about ~~the~~ availability of ~~the~~ a new application.

13. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server device is initiated at the local client device after receiving input from a user.

14. (original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user input is received by the local client device from a remote control device.

15. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the application is a new application, and wherein the method further comprises ~~a step for~~ monitoring a location on the remote server device to determine whether the new application is available.

16. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step for~~ sending an event from the remote server device to the local client device to indicate at least one of:

(i) a removal of a first application; and

(ii) a modification to a particular application.

17. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step for~~ monitoring a location on the remote server device to determine at least one of:

(i) whether a first application is removed; and

(ii) whether a particular application is modified.

18. (currently amended) A networked system comprising:

a client, wherein the client includes a television that provides programming content;

a server coupled to the client via a network, wherein the server includes a shared directory having an application remotely preserved for the client, and wherein the server comprises a monitoring thread monitoring the shared directory for changes to the application, removal of the application, and additions of additional applications, wherein the monitoring thread notifies the client, in real time, of any changes, removals, or additions detected during monitoring; and

a file system protocol employed by the client and the server to allow the client to obtain at least a portion of the application remotely preserved for the client on an as-needed basis.

19. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, wherein the client is an Aquos TV.

20. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, wherein the file system protocol is an internet file system protocol.

21. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, wherein the file system protocol is a network file system (NFS) protocol.

22. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, wherein the file system protocol is a common internet file system (CIFS) protocol.

23. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a second server coupled to the network, wherein the second server includes another portion of the application remotely preserved for the client, and wherein the file system protocol is dynamically employed by the client to allow the client to obtain the another portion of the application on an as-needed basis.

24. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a second server coupled to the network, wherein the second server includes another application remotely preserved for the client, and wherein the file system protocol is dynamically employed by the client to allow the client to obtain at least a portion of the another application on an as-needed basis.

25. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, further comprising an event transmitted from the server to the client to indicate at least one of:

(i) an availability of the application;

(ii) that a current application has been removed; and

(iii) that a particular application has been modified.

26. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 25, wherein the available application is a new application.

27. (original) A networked system as recited in claim 18, further comprising a location on the server that is monitored by the client to determine at least one of:

(i) that a new application is available;

(ii) that a particular application has been removed; and

(iii) that a current application has been modified.

28. (currently amended) A computer program product for implementing within a networked system a method for dynamically obtaining at least a portion of an application from a server over a network, the computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium for providing computer program code means utilized to implement the method, wherein the computer program code means is comprised of executable code for ~~implementing the steps for~~:

determining, at a local client computer device, that at least a portion of an application is needed at the local client computer device, wherein the portion is located at a remote server computer device; ~~and~~

using a file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server computer device, wherein the portion is obtained so as to be transparent to ~~the~~ a user and as needed by the local client computer device;

monitoring, at the remote server computer device, a location of the remote server device for changes to applications, removals of applications, and additions of new applications; and

notifying the client computer device, in real time, of any changes, removals, and additions detected during monitoring.

29. (original) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the local client computer device is a television.

30. (original) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the local client computer device is an Aquos TV.

31. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server computer device comprises one of:

(i) using an internet file system protocol;

(ii) using a network file system (NFS) protocol; and

(iii) using a common internet file system (CIFS) protocol.

32. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server computer device is initiated at the local client computer device.

33. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the computer program code means is further comprised of executable code for ~~implementing the steps for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain at least another portion of the application from another remote server computer device.

34. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the computer program code means is further comprised of executable code for ~~implementing the steps for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain at least a portion of another application from another remote server computer device.

35. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein ~~the step for~~ determining that at least a portion of an application is needed at the local client computer device further comprises ~~a step for~~ sending an event from the remote server computer device to the local client computer device to indicate an availability of the application.

36. (original) A computer program product as recited in claim 35, wherein the application is a new application.

37. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote

server computer device is initiated at the local client computer device after receiving ~~the~~ an event from the server about ~~the~~ availability of ~~the~~ a new application .

38. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein ~~the step for~~ using the file system protocol to dynamically obtain the portion from the remote server computer device is initiated at the local client computer device upon receiving input from a user.

39. (original) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the user input is received by the local client computer device from a remote control device.

40. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, wherein the application is a new application, and further comprising ~~a step for~~ monitoring a location on the remote server computer device to determine whether the new application is available.

41. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 28, further comprising ~~a step for~~ sending an event from the remote server computer device to the local client computer device to indicate at least one of:

(i) a removal of a first application; and

(ii) a modification to a particular application.

42. (currently amended) A computer program product as recited in claim 39, further comprising ~~a step for~~ monitoring a location on the remote server computer device to determine at least one of:

(i) whether a first application is removed; and

(ii) whether a particular application is modified.